

DETAILED ACTION

This is the fifth office action for U.S. Application 10/522,446 for a Mounting System for a Vehicular Mirror filed on January 19, 2005. Claims 2, 4-12, 14-19, 21, 22, 35, and 37-39 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows: The dependency of claim 38 has been changed from canceled claim 36 to claim 39.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4-12, 14-19, 35, and 37-39 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a vehicular mirror mounting system for mounting a vehicular mirror assembly to a mounting panel of a vehicle, with a mirror mounting panel adapted for coupling with a mirror assembly housing with a reflective element, the panel having one of a hook and socket, a vehicle mounting panel adaptable to include the other of the hook and socket, a locator pad, and a boss.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEVEN M. MARSH whose telephone number is (571)272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Monday-Thursday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J Allen Shriver can be reached on 571-272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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